

Remarks/Arguments:

This is a reply to the office action of July 24, in which claims 23 - 25 and 32 - 37 were found to contain allowable matter. A request to withdraw the holding of finality was filed on August 8; we have not yet received a decision.

In any event, we are now amending claim 17 to include the subject matter of claim 23. Dependent claims 18 - 22 depend from 17, so they should be allowable as well. The same to claims 24 and 25, which depended from 23 (now from claim 17). Claim 27, which previously depended from claim 23, has also been amended to depend from claim 17. To avoid any confusion, we have replaced the wording at the end of item (a) of claim 27 by the wording used in claim 17 for the description of the magnetic field region. Support appears in the original specification at page 8, first paragraph, where a definition for the magnetic field region H3 was given. Claims 28 to 31 are dependent from claim 27, and for that reason should also be allowable.

With respect to claim 32 to 37, the examiner has previously indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in the independent form including all the citations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claim 17 has been amended to contain the limitations of canceled claim 23, claims 32 to 37 are deemed to be allowable as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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